

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An improved hydraulic fitting ~~of the type~~ having a stem including a hose insert portion, and a collar support portion, having a mating connection portion, and a collar having, a torque communication portion, a ferrule support portion, and an inner periphery extending through said ferrule support portion and said torque communication portion, the improvement comprising:
  - said collar support portion including knurling and an axial stop ring,
  - said torque communication portion being staked such that said inner periphery extending through said torque communication portion communicates with said knurling in a relatively non-rotational manner, and
  - said ferrule support portion being staked such that said inner periphery extending through said ferrule support portion communicates with said axial stop ring in an axial movement limiting manner.
2. (Original) A hydraulic fitting comprising:
  - a stem having a hose insert portion, and a collar support portion,
  - a mating connection portion,
  - said collar support portion including knurling and an axial stop ring,
  - a collar having, a torque communication portion, a ferrule support portion, and an inner periphery extending through said ferrule support portion and said torque communication portion,
  - said torque communication portion being staked such that said inner periphery extending through said torque communication portion communicates with said knurling in a relatively non-rotational manner, and
  - said ferrule support portion being staked such that said inner periphery extending through said ferrule support portion communicates with said axial stop ring in an axial movement limiting manner.

3. (Original) The hydraulic fitting of claim 2 further comprising a ferrule affixed upon said ferrule support portion.
4. (Original) A hydraulic coupling and hose comprising:  
a hose end fitting including  
a stem having a hose insert portion, and a collar support portion,  
said collar support portion including knurling and an axial stop ring,  
a collar having, a torque communication portion, a ferrule support portion, and an  
inner periphery extending through said ferrule support portion and said torque  
communication portion,  
said torque communication portion being staked such that said inner periphery  
extending through said torque communication portion communicates with said  
knurling in a relatively non-rotational manner,  
said ferrule support portion being staked such that said inner periphery extending  
through said ferrule support portion communicates with said axial stop ring in  
an axial movement limiting manner,  
a mating connection portion,  
said hose fitted upon said hose end fitting,  
an apparatus fitting, and  
said apparatus fitting sealingly mated to said mating connection portion of said hose  
end fitting.
5. (Original) The hydraulic coupling and hose of claim 4 further comprising a ferrule  
staked upon said ferrule support portion and said hose crimped under said ferrule.
6. (Currently amended) A method for producing a hydraulic fitting comprising the steps  
of:  
providing a stem having a hose insert portion, and a collar support portion,  
knurling a portion of said collar support portion, and  
forming an annular depression proximate the common boundaries of said collar  
support portion and said hose insert portion,

providing a collar with a torque communication portion,  
placing said collar about said collar support portion, and  
staking said collar at said torque communication portion to affix said collar upon  
said stem in a relatively non-rotational manner.